



# California State Parks

## Quick Facts



As of 8/8/2011

### Parks by the Numbers

- ❖ There are 279 classified and unclassified units in the California State Park System in 25 districts.
- ❖ Over 1.3 million acres of land are owned or managed by California State Parks (CSP). This is nearly 1.5% of the total area of California.
- ❖ Almost 1,638 miles of waterfront are owned by CSP. This includes over 647 miles of lakefront, almost 318 miles of ocean front, and over 327 miles of river front.

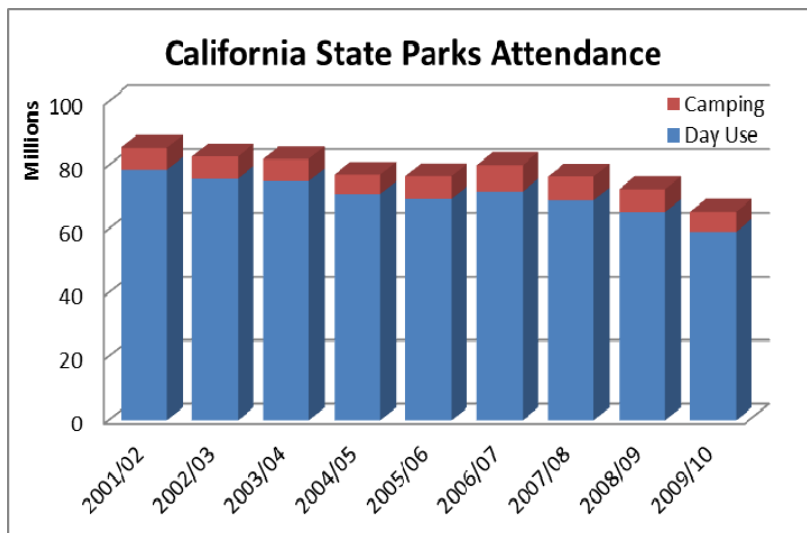
#### ❖ **Top Ten State Parks** (2009/2010 Attendance):

1. Old Town San Diego SHP
2. Sonoma Coast SP
3. Bolsa Chica SB
4. Huntington SB
5. San Onofre SB
6. Morro Bay SP
7. Torrey Pines SB
8. Doheny SB
9. Oceano Dunes SVRA
10. Cardiff SB

#### ❖ **Top Attendance by Unit Type**

(2009/2010 Attendance):

State Historic Park—Old Town San Diego  
State Beach – Bolsa Chica  
State Park – Sonoma Coast  
State Vehicular Recreation Area – Oceano Dunes  
State Recreation Area – Folsom Lake  
State Natural Reserve – Armstrong Redwoods  
State Seashore - Eastshore State Park  
State Wayside Campground – Reynolds  
State Historic Monument – Hearst San Simeon



- ❖ CSP provides the public with: 14,531 individual and group camp sites, 652 non-camping overnight facilities, 7,245 individual picnic sites, and 5,095 miles of non-motorized trails.
- ❖ Over 65.5 million people visited California State Parks in the 2009/10 fiscal year. At 1 fl. oz. of sunscreen per person, that equals over 511,739 gallons of sun protection!
- ❖ Over 3% of park visitors operate off-highway vehicles in state park units each year.

- ❖ Six California State Parks were named to the **2009 Top 100 Family Campgrounds in the U.S.** in a survey conducted by ReserveAmerica (listed alphabetically):

Anza-Borrego Desert SP  
Castle Crags SP  
Lake Del Valle SRA (operated by East Bay Regional Park District)  
Millerton Lake SRA  
Morro Bay SP  
Sonoma Coast SP

- ❖ A significant portion of California's natural and cultural resources are protected by California State Parks:



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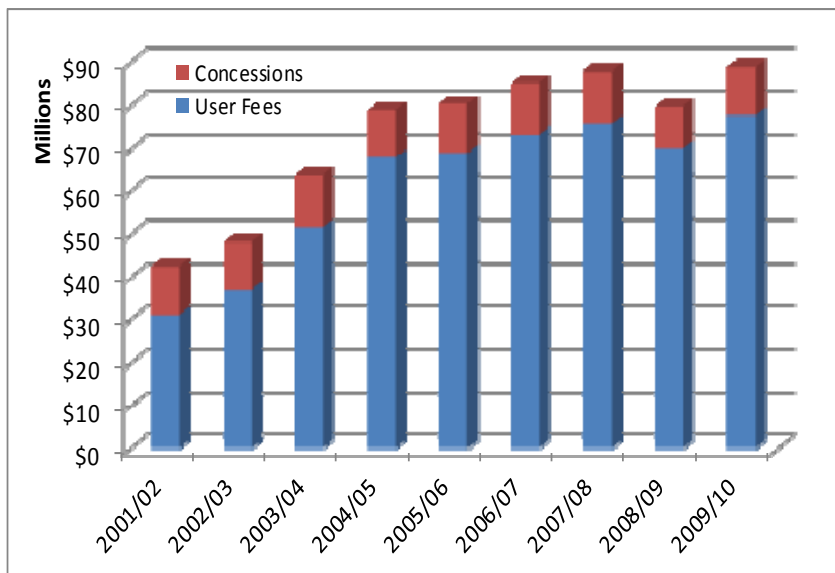


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- 93% of the 1.5 million acres of the State Park System is managed for natural resource values.
- California State Parks is responsible for documentation, preservation and care of 11,008 known prehistoric and historic archeological sites, 3,195 historic buildings, and more than 6 million museum objects, archival documents and specimens.
- Since 1965 California State Parks' Office of Grants and Local Services has administered over \$3.3 billion in local assistance grants, including funds approved by the passage of Park Bond Acts, and federal monies such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Volunteers help staff visitor centers, maintain trails, serve as camp hosts, present interpretive (educational) programs and special events, and do much more.

- ❖ California State Parks' Concessions Program includes approximately 190 concession contracts, including 54 operating agreements as of 2010/2011.
- ❖ California State Parks' 2009/10 budget totals \$845,148 million. The largest sources for these funds are:
  - State's General Fund (~\$123 million)
  - State Parks and Recreation Fund (~\$126 million)



- ❖ Interpretive (educational) programs add to the appreciation and understanding of the natural and cultural resources preserved in California State Parks:

- In 2003/04\*, 3.15 million visitors enjoyed guided hikes, tours, talks and demonstrations.
  - In 2003/04\*, approximately 535,000 school children attend formal interpretive programs in state parks.
  - Young visitors also participate in programs designed specifically for them, such as the Junior Rangers and Junior Lifeguards.
- \* The latest data available
- ❖ The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division has administered \$331.3 million in off-highway vehicle grant funds.
  - ❖ California State Parks is authorized to employ 1,844 permanent staff and approximately 805 seasonal staff to administer, protect, operate and maintain the State Park System.
  - ❖ 34,510 volunteers contributed 1,118,261 hours to the department in 2010.

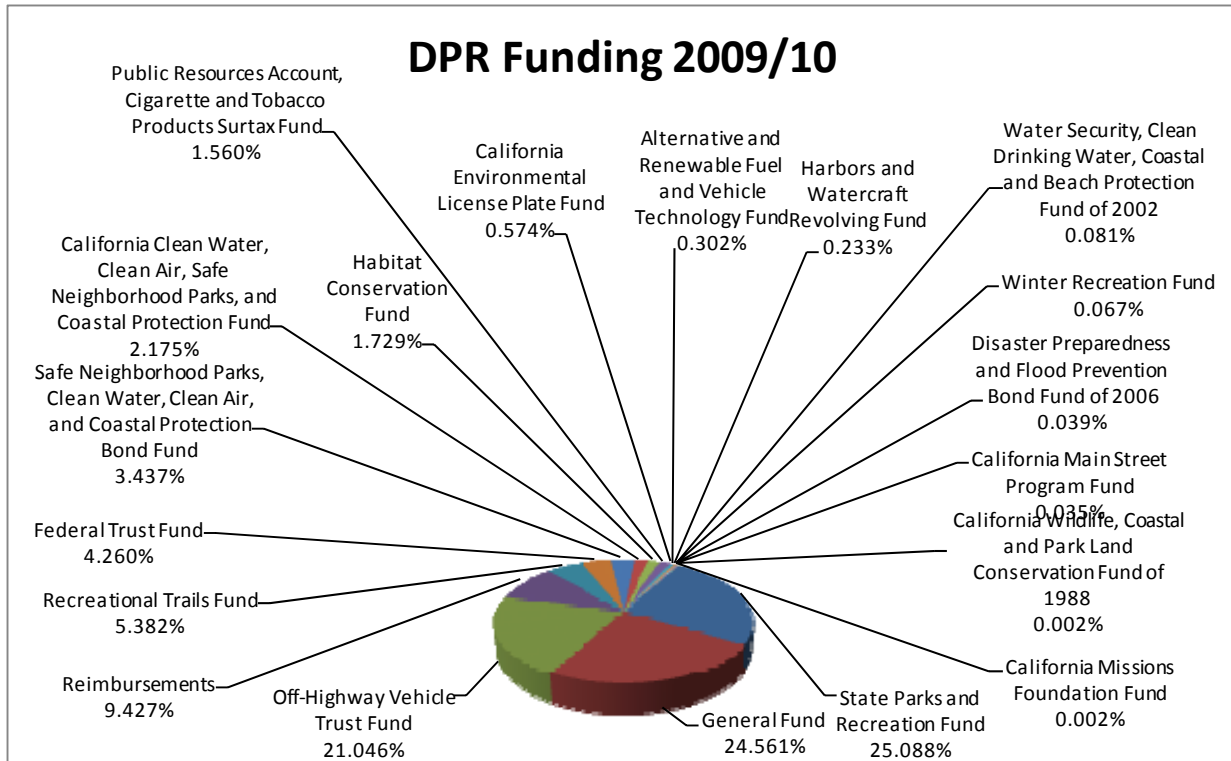


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❖ Learn more about California State Parks with these *Quick Facts* sheets:

*At a Park Near You* – the connection between California State Parks and California residents

*Camping In Your California State Parks* – reservation tips

*The Cultural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Park units contain a wide variety of cultural resources

*Dollars and Cents* – California State Park funding, local grants and concessions

*The Future of California State Parks* – California State Parks are part of the California lifestyle

*Interpretation and Education* – learning is fun in California State Parks!

*The Natural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Parks preserve some of the state's most important natural treasures

*California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division* – fun off the road in California State Parks

*Park People* - the people that protect and operate California's State Parks

*What's in a Park?* – the wide variety of places and experiences you can find in California State Parks

*Top Parks* – California State Parks acknowledged by ReserveAmerica in their annual *Top 100 Family Campgrounds* guide